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EXHIBIT #VII.C.

TO: Members of the State Board of Education

FROM: Rachelle Tome, Acting Commissioner*

DATE: December 10, 2014

SUBJECT: Request for Provisional Adoption of Proposed Elimination of State Board Rule

Chapter 60 - New School Siting Approval.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Much of the statutory language pertaining to Chapter 60 has been repealed and the remaining information is presently contained in Chapter 61, <u>Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects</u>, Section 7, Site Selection.

The reason for this proposal is to eliminate Chapter 60, New School Siting Approval in its entirety.

A public hearing on the proposed rule was held on Monday, November 3, 2014. No one testified at the hearing. No comments were received during the period reserved for public comment. In addition to the Public Hearing, the Rule has been submitted to the appropriate State entities in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act.

COMMISSIONER'S RECOMMENDATION

The Acting Commissioner recommends that the State Board of Education provisionally adopt the proposed elimination of Chapter 60, New School Siting Approval, in accordance with the State of Maine Administrative Procedure Act.

CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

On December 1, 2014, the Construction Committee voted to recommend that the State Board of Education provisionally adopt the proposed elimination of Chapter 60 – New School Siting Approval as presented.

* Prepared by the Division of School Facilities